



## Vision2020 Reservoir Committee

### Minutes

Date: April 19, 2016

Time: 730 PM

Location: Town Hall Annex, first floor conf. room

**Present:** Jane Howard, David White, Stephan Miller, Christina Burwell, Martine Gougault, Ann LeRoyer, and Michael Ratner.

Meeting came to order at 7:35 pm.

Jane circulated Elizabeth's new address which is

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1. Review and approve previous minutes. The minutes for the March meeting were accepted after correcting some dates for the art exhibit.
2. Reservoir Picture Posts. The idea is to erect picture posts around the Reservoir that for photographing and documenting the changes. As well as providing attractive pictures, this is a good tool for environmental research. David reported that he and John Pickle scouted out 3-4 sites that look good. We need to provide information both on the posts themselves and the kiosk about this program. Link: <http://picturepost.unh.edu/index.jsp>
3. Reservoir work days. David reviewed the progress that was made at the last work day (4/10) attended by David, Lisa, Stephan, and Brian Hasbrouk. We then discussed what we will have the volunteers from the LDS group do this Saturday, April 23. Martine suggested that they spread wood chips on the paths and line the garden paths with rocks. We also thought that the best use of the volunteers would be working on pulling invasive plants but unfortunately, most invasives are not visible yet. Our conclusion was that this weekend is too early and David will try and reschedule the event.
4. New fencing for the Habitat Garden. Stephan described his idea for additional fence posts for the garden. He will cut pressure treated 2x4s in half and rip them up the middle yielding four posts from each 2x4. In addition, he will bore two half inch holes, two inches and twenty two inches from the top. Christina asked if these new posts will be more rigid than the rebar posts we put in last summer. Stephan

answered that the pressure treated wood is very dense making them impossible to bend and difficult to break. In addition they will be very resistant to decay.

5. New Town Natural Resources Manager. Ann told us about the new “Natural Resources Manager the Town has hired, Jeff Rikerman. She suggested that we invite him to a meeting or a work day in the near future.
6. Art Exhibit, update and planning. We discussed whether we should print picture postcards, fliers and posters or some combination of these to advertise the event. We decided that the postcards were definitely a good idea. We looked at the design and had some suggestions for improvements. David suggested that we make the post card two sided so that we could include more information on back. The budget must include the cost of printing the cards fliers and posters. We estimated that the printing costs would be about \$300 and approved that expense. We will also try to get financial support for this project from Vision 2020 and the Parks Alliance Group.

Christina showed us drafts of the Submission Form and the Information For Artists form which we will review. We further discussed who to contact for help in publicizing the event. We delegated this task to the Art Exhibit Working Group. David suggested that we should set up a special Gmail account to deal with submissions but added that someone would have to monitor the mail box. Christina volunteered to have the email from the Gmail account forwarded to her private account. We then spent some time discussing names for the email account and decided that the working group should also do that. We then turned to deciding on a name for the event which will be printed on the postcard. We settled on “Seasons at the Arlington Reservoir.” We delegated the Exhibit Working Group to finalize the details.

7. Exhibit reception. The reception is planned for Thursday September 22 from 5:30-7:30. If we serve wine, we will need to hire a bar tender which will cost about \$200 and also buy a case of wine from the recommended wholesaler. We tried to estimate how much the wine will cost which led to a long discussion about the costs and the possible logistics involved. A key question is where the money would come from to fund the cost of this event. We discussed charging a submission fee to defray costs. We made no final decision.
8. Annual Report. David told us that he would like to expand this year’s annual report and include some more graphics. We all liked this idea. David volunteered to expand the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller

With some edits by David White – 5/16/16